

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action of May 11, 2007, the Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 20, 22, and 35-38, and has amended claim 21 to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim 20, from which it depended. Thus, only claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13-19, and claims 21 and 23 are currently pending. According to the Office Action of May 11, 2007, claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13-19 are all allowed, and claims 21 and 23 are allowable if re-written in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim, claim 20.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 11, and 13-19 are allowed, and for indicating that claims 21 and 23 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 20, and any intervening claims. Per the Office Action, the Applicant has amended claim 21 to incorporate all of the limitations of base claim 20. Claim 23 already depended from claim 21. Since claim 21 should now be allowable, dependent claim 23 should also be allowable.

Thus, all of the currently pending claims have now been placed in a condition for allowance per the final Office Action of May 11, 2007. The Applicant respectfully request allowance of these pending claims.

CONCLUSION


In light of the remarks set forth above, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner expedite the prosecution of this patent application to issuance. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 212-1700 x 444.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-4050 referencing docket no. 10419-704.300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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